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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 12, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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does nothing to make up for the deficits of those references, and as a result, neither claims 17 nor 35 can be considered invalid under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

4. New Claims and Conclusion

New claims 36-38 depend from claims 1, 15, and 20 respectively, and further highlight the difference between a reinforcing strip and draw sleeves, which are formed from strips bent over themselves to form strip-receiving cavities as seen in the Fox patent.

It is submitted that claims 1-21 and 32-35 are in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and each define patentable subject matter. A Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

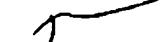
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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it would help expedite
matters.

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